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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A hanger apparatus for adjusting to accommodate garments of different sizes, the hanger apparatus comprising:
a hook member being adapted for selectively engaging a hanging member such that said hook member is suspended from the hanging member;
a pair of arm members being coupled to said hook member such that said arm members are suspended from the hanging member when said hook member engages the hanging member, said arm members being adapted for being positioned in one of the garments to allow the garment to be suspended from the hanging member; and

each of a pair of extension assemblies engaging one of said arm members such that each of said extension assemblies selectively extends beyond the associated one of said arm members to accommodate garments of a larger size;

wherein a first one of said pair of extension assemblies is adjustable on said pair of arm members independently of a second one of said pair of extension assemblies;

each of said extension assemblies comprising a base member and an extension member, said base member being mounted on the associated one of said arm members, said extension member being movable with respect to said base member and being slidable on the associated one of said arm members such that said extension member is selectively positionable along a length of the associated one of said arm members for supporting garments of a larger size.

said extension member of each of said extension assemblies comprising a support portion and a guide portion, said support portion being coupled to said guide portion such that said support portion extends

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upwardly from said guide portion, said guide portion slidably engaging the associated one of said arm members such that said guide portion is selectively slidable along a length of the associated one of said arm members to allow adjustment of the extension member to accommodate garments.

said base member of each of said extension assemblies comprising a stanchion portion and a receiver portion, said stanchion portion being coupled to the associated one of said arm members, said receiver portion being coupled to said stanchion portion such that said receiver portion is positioned opposite the associated one of said arm members, said receiver portion slidably receiving said support portion of said extension member of the associated one of said extension assemblies, said receiver portion being for maintaining alignment of said extension member with the associated one of said arm members when said extension member is slid along the associated one of said arm members;

said base member of each of said extension assemblies comprising a plurality of teeth formed in a linear configuration, said teeth being coupled to said receiver portion, said extension member of each of said extension assemblies comprising at least one pawl, said pawl of said extension member being selectively positionable in a position between two selected teeth of said plurality of teeth of said base member of the associated one of said extension assemblies to inhibit inadvertent sliding of said extension member with respect to said base portion of the associated one of said extension assemblies.

2. through 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The hanger apparatus as set forth in claim [[[3]]] 1, further comprising:

each of said arm members comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, said upper portion being coupled to said lower portion such that said upper portion extends outwardly from said lower portion, said guide

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portion of said extension member extending around said upper portion of the associated one of said arm members to inhibit said extension member from inadvertently disengaging the associated one of said arm members when said extension member is slid along the associated one of said arm members.

5. through 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The hanger apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein each arm member has an outboard end, and wherein at least one of said pair of extension assemblies is adjustable to a position in which said extension assembly does not extend beyond the outboard end of said arm member.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A hanger apparatus as set forth in claim 1, for adjusting to accommodate garments of different sizes, the hanger apparatus comprising:~~

a hook member being adapted for selectively engaging a hanging member such that said hook member is suspended from the hanging member;

a pair of arm members being coupled to said hook member such that said arm members are suspended from the hanging member when said hook member engages the hanging member, said arm members being adapted for being positioned in one of the garments to allow the garment to be suspended from the hanging member; and

each of a pair of extension assemblies engaging one of said arm members such that each of said extension assemblies selectively extends beyond the associated one of said arm members to accommodate garments of a larger size;

wherein a first one of said pair of extension assemblies is adjustable on said pair of arm members independently of a second one of said pair of extension assemblies;

wherein each of said extension assemblies comprises a base member and an extension member, said base member being mounted on the

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associated one of said arm members, said extension member being movable with respect to said base member and being slidable on the associated one of said arm members such that said extension member is selectively positionable along a length of the associated one of said arm members for supporting garments of a larger size;

wherein said extension member of each of said extension assemblies comprises a support portion and a guide portion, said support portion being coupled to said guide portion such that said support portion extends upwardly from said guide portion, said guide portion slidably engaging the associated one of said arm members such that said guide portion is selectively slidable along a length of the associated one of said arm members to allow adjustment of the extension member to accommodate garments;

wherein each of said arm members comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, said upper portion being coupled to said lower portion such that said upper portion extends outwardly from said lower portion, said guide portion of said extension member extending around said upper portion of the associated one of said arm members to inhibit said extension member from inadvertently disengaging the associated one of said arm members when said extension member is slid along the associated one of said arm members;

wherein said base member of each of said extension assemblies comprises a stanchion portion and a receiver portion, said stanchion portion being coupled to the associated one of said arm members, said receiver portion being coupled to said stanchion portion such that said receiver portion is positioned opposite the associated one of said arm members, said receiver portion slidably receiving said support portion of said extension member of the associated one of said extension assemblies, said receiver portion being for maintaining alignment of said extension member with the associated one of said arm members when said extension member is slid along the associated one of said arm members;

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wherein said base member of each of said extension assemblies comprises a plurality of teeth formed in a linear configuration, said teeth being coupled to said receiver portion, said extension member of each of said extension assemblies comprising at least one pawl, said pawl of said extension member being selectively positionable in a position between two selected teeth of said plurality of teeth of said base member of the associated one of said extension assemblies to inhibit inadvertent sliding of said extension member with respect to said base portion of the associated one of said extension assemblies; and

wherein each arm member has an outboard end, and wherein at least one of said pair of extension assemblies is adjustable to a position in which said extension assembly does not extend beyond the outboard end of said arm member.